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1. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

SPEAKING AT NY NEWS CONF FRI, VIET DEP FONMIN SAID SRV HAD EXPECTED SIT DOWN W/CAMBODIANS/WORK OUT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BORDER PROBLEMS, BUT THAT CAMBODIA CONTINUING ITS HARASS-MENT ALONG BORDER/IMPOSSIBLE EXPLAIN WHY CAMBODIANS REFUSE NEGOTIATE.

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IN NYC TO DISCUSS VIET RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS, BO DONG GIANG SAID 77 COUNTRIES/29 INTL ORGS ATTENDING UN MTGS ON SUBJECT--BUT NOT US, WHICH BORE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESTRUCTION. CALLED US RESPONSIBILITY QUESTION OF "CONSCIENCE, HUMANITY AND REASON" (REUTER UN 3/24).

"VOICE OF KAMPUCHEA" BROADCAST SERIES REPORTS ON CO-OP BETWN ARMY/LOCAL RESIDENTS AGAINST "VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION" EAST OF MEKONG/ON "ISLANDS BELONGING TO CAMBODIA" (WP BANGKOK).

2. VIETNAM

SRV WILL ABOLISH ALL PRIV ENTERPRISE/BUY OUT FEW REMAINING CAPITALISTS AS PART OF SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH, VIET NEWS AGENCY REPORTED SAT. SAIGON PEOPLE'S CMTE SAID MOVE BEING MADE BECAUSE ENTERPRISES UNDERMINE COUNTRY'S ECON/CONTRIBUTE TO SPECULATION/BLACK MKTING/HOARDING OF GOODS (AP, WSJ; WSTAR/WP, BOTH 3/26--ALL BANGKOK).

VIET DEL HEADED BY PM PHAM VAN DONG ENDS INDIA VISIT BY SIGNING 4 AGREEMENTS TO PROMOTE CO-OP IN SCI/TECHNOLOGY, AGRIC RESEARCH, ECON DEVEL, TRADE. UNDER LAST AGREEMENT, INDIA WILL PROVIDE CREDITS OF 12 MIL DOLS W/WHICH SRV WILL BUY RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES/COACHES/BOGIES, AGRIC MACHINERY, PHARMACEUTICALS, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES/CABLES, PIG IRON, STEEL/STEEL PROD. IN RETURN, IT HAS OFFERED INDIA RICE, VEGETABLE OILS, APATITE/OILSEEDS (JOC SPEC NEW DELHI)

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MOST PAPERS GIVE FRONT-PG COVERAGE NARITA AIRPORT RIOTS. REPORTS SAY HUNDREDS JAPANESE PROTESTORS STORMED AIRPORT'S CONTROL TOWER 3/26, SMASHING EQUIPMENT/BATTLING THOUSANDS RIOT POLICE IN ATTEMPT BLOCK SCHEDULED OPENING THURS. HOURS AFTER MELEE, IN WHICH AT LEAST 115 ARRESTED, 12 PROTESTORS MAINTAINED SEIGE. DAMAGE MAY BE SEVERE ENOUGH TO DELAY OPENING AGAIN. CABINET HELD EMERGENCY MTG 3/27, BUT REACHED NO DECISION ABOUT OPENING. THO FUKUDA URGED MINS OPEN NARITA ON TIME "IN ORDER NOT TO MAR JAPAN'S NATIONAL PRESTIGE," TRANSPORT MIN OFFICIAL TERMED SUCH POSSIBILITY "ALMOST HOPELESS" (CHAPMAN, WP TOKYO; MALCOLM, NYT TOKYO; AP'S HORVAT, PHINQ/SUN TOKYO; WSJ; REUTER TOKYO; WSTAR, 3/26; NYDN, W/2-PG CENTERFOLD FOTO SPREAD).

JAPAN/EC COMPLETED 3DAY TOKYO TRADE MTG 3/24 W/BOTH SIDES SAYING "GREAT PROGRESS" MADE. JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRESSED MULTILATERAL EFFORTS IMPROVE TRADE RELS, BUT NO SPECIFIC MEASURES CITED. DOCUMENT ALSO CALLED FOR GOJ TAKE "ALL REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES" TO ACHIEVE 7 PCT ECON GROWTH NEXT YR (UPI, WP; CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

SUN'S BEHR (3/26) REPORTS US-JAPAN TRADE TALKS IN GENEVA NOT GOING WELL--DESPITE FACT NEGOTS MEAN SUCCESS/FAILURE FOR ACHIEVING GENERAL WORLDWIDE AGREEMENT ON TRADE. QUOTES SENIOR US NEGOTIATOR THAT PROGRESS SO FAR DISAPPOINTING, AS US/JAPAN "CANNOT MOVE AN INCH"

W/O TREADING ON SENSITIVE ISSUES AFFECTING PROFITS/JOBS THROUGHOUT RESPECTIVE NATIONS' ECONOMIES.

OVER 50,000 WORKERS RALLIED IN TOKYO 3/27 TO KICK OFF JAPAN'S ANNUAL SPRING LABOR DRIVE FOR HIGHER WAGES/JOB SECURITY. SIMILAR RALLIES REPORTED IN 32 CITIES ACROSS NATION (AP, WP). UNCLASSIFIED

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CABINET HAS DRAWN UP NEW ECONSTIMULATION PLAN CALLING FOR ACCELERATED PUBLIC WORKS SPENDING/LOWER INTEREST RATES/ENCOURAGEMENT FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, CAPITAL SPENDING. PLAN DESIGNED FOSTER 7 PCT ECON GROWTH/IMPROVE TRADING RELS W/JAPAN'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS (WSJ).

IN FEATURE ITEM ON YEN'S SOARING VALUE, CULLISON REPORTS YEN HIT ANOTHER POSTWAR RECORD HIGH AGAINST DOLLAR FRIDAY AS CENTRAL BANK AUTHORITIES ABANDONED ALL ATTEMPTS STEM DECLINE BY CONTINUING MASSIVE INTERVENTION. NEW APPRECIATION REPRESENTS 35 PCT CLIMB IN YEN VALUE SINCE 71.

JAPAN'S 3 MAJOR AIRLINES PLAN IMPORT MAX 45 AIRCRAFT EITHER FROM US/EUR IN FY78-79 AT TOTAL COST OVER 1.5 BIL DOLS (UPI, JOC).

MISSION FROM BELGIAN LIGHT INDUSTRY ASSN WILL VISIT JAPAN 4/17-21 IN ORDER PROMOTE EXPORTS (UPI, JOC).

FINANCE MINISTRY SAYS NET PURCHASES JAPANESE BONDS BY FON INVESTORS ROSE TO MONTHY RECORD 1.23 BIL DOLS IN FEB FROM 816.2 MIL DOLS PREVIOUS MONTH (WSJ).

JAPAN/SAUDI ARABIA WILL HOLD TOKYO MTG 4/3 RE JAPANESE AID IN CONSTRUCTING PETROCHEM COMPLEX AT AL-JUBAYL (UPI, JOC).

JAPAN EXPECTED IMPORT 20-25 PCT LESS COTTON FROM US DURING '77-'78 (COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE, JOC).

WSJ'S MOFFITT DOES FEATURE ARTICLE ON LITTLE-KNOWN UNCLASSIFIED

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"SAMURAI" BONDS.-YEN-DOMINATED BONDS ISSUED BY WORLD-WIDE RANGE NON-GOJ BORROWERS. REMARKS ITEMS NOW HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE, DUE GENEROUS YIELDS/YEN'S SOUNDNESS. AS SIDELIGHT, NOTES NOBEL-PRIZE WINNING ECONOMIST MILTON FRIEDMAN HAS RECENTLY PURCHASED SUCH BONDS/YEN FUTURES CONTRACTS.

JAPAN FISHERIES ASSN SPONSORED HALF-PG NYT/WP ADS 3/24 CALLING FOR "COOL APPROACH" TO 200-MI FISHING ZONE. AD

USES SOFTSELL APPROACH IN CITING BENEFITS US RECEIVES FROM FON FISHING NATIONS. URGES THAT IN CONTROVERSY OVER 200-MI ZONE, "EMOTIONAL, OFTEN IRRATIONAL ELEMENTS" MUST BE SHUNNED.

4. KOREA

FORMER ATTY GEN MITCHELL WILL TESTIFY PUBLICLY TUES ON SKOREAN LOBBYING OF CONGRESS DURING NIXON YRS. HIRC INVESTIGATORS SAY KISSINGER MAY ALSO TESTIFY PUBLICLY (CHI-ST 3/21).

CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAY EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO FIND COMPROMISE FORMULA THAT WOULD AVERT CONFRONTATION W/SK OVER INFLUENCE-BUYING INVESTIGATIONS. WHILE SEVERAL FORMULAS BEING CONSIDERED TO GAIN FORMER AMB KIM DONG JO'S TESTIMONY, ALL HAVE IN COMMON IDEA THAT TESTIMONY WOULD BE GIVEN PRIVATELY OVERSEAS, EITHER W/ETHICS CMTE MEMBERS/US AMB TO SK/OR W/KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION. SUCH PROPOSALS TO BE BROADCAST BY VOA LATER THIS WK DURING INTERVIEW W/HIRC CHRMN ZABLOCKI (D-WISC). REP ALSO COMMENTS THAT TO HAVE KIM RETURN US TO TESTIFY WOULD BE "SOMETHING WE'D COME TO REGRET."

HOUSE SPKR O'NEILL, ACCORDING "NEWSWEEK", HAS PROPOSED TO CURRENT SK AMB YONG SHIK KIM THAT KIM DONG JO MEET UNCLASSIFIED

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W/ETHICS CMTE MEMBERS EITHER IN SK OR SOME "NEUTRAL COUNTRY". ALSO, HOUSE MEMBERS CURRENTLY DRAFTING LETTER TO PARK CHUNG HEE REQUESTING AMB KIM BE ALLOWED TESTIFY IN INTERESTS OF KOREAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION (SOUTHERLAND/STUART, CSM).

TONGSUN PARK EXPECTED BE CALLED AS WITNESS IN HANCHO

KIM TRIAL. TRIAL TESTIMONY HAS MADE INDIRECT CONNECTION BETW PARK/ACTIVITES OF WHICH HANCHO KIM ACCUSED (O'LEARY, WSTAR 3/24).

WSTAR'S POUND (3/26) DOES ITEM ON SK EMB'S PLAN AWARD 60,000-DOL PR CONTRACT TO MIKE MOYNIHAN--BROTHER OF NY SEN. EMB SPOKESMAN SAID PLAN AWAITING APPROVAL FROM SEOUL/INSISTED DECISION TO RECOMMEND MOYNIHAN "HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS BROTHER."

MARTIN (SUN, ULSAN) REPORTS LAST YR, ALL MAJOR SHIP-BUILDING COUNTRIES CONTINUED DECLINE--EXCEPT SK. NOTES SK--WHICH 15 YRS AGO BUILT ONLY WOODEN FISHING BOATS--HAS NOW MOVED TO 10TH PLACE IN RANKINGS OF SHIPBUILDING NATIONS.

5. CHINA

IN LATEST VOLLEY OF SINO-SOVIET FEUD, NCNA RELEASES FON-MIN COMMUNICATION ACCUSING MOSCOW OF INCREASING ITS FORCES ALONG MUTUAL BORDER/FOLLOWING "POLICY OF HOSTILITY" TOWARD PRC (WSJ).

REUTER (MOSCOW) REPORTS PRC EMB THERE HAS UNDERTAKEN "SOME CULINARY DIPLOMACY" IN WAKE OF CANADA'S RECENT EXPULSION ALLEGED SOVIET SPIES, ACCORDING DIPLO SOURCES. UNCLASSIFIED

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CHINESE REPORTEDLY HAVE INVITED CANADIAN EMB STAFF IN MOSCOW TO FILM SHOWING/TASTE OF CHINESE FOOD. OSTENSIBLY, CHINESE WERE HONORING NORMAN BETHUNE, CANADIAN HERO OF FILM WHO TOOK PART IN "LONG MARCH" ALONGSIDE MAO; BUT MOSCOW SOURCES SAID INVITATION ALSO SEEMED INTENDED AS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CANADIANS, WHO HAVE BEEN WONDERING HOW SOVIETS WOULD RESPOND TO EXPULSION. INVITATION TO ENTIRE EMB STAFF TERMED UNUSUAL FOR CHINESE (NYT 3/25, 3/26).

ADDRESSING "NATIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE" IN PEKING 3/24, CHRMN HUA APPEALED TO PARTY/PLA/PEOPLE THRUOUT COUNTRY TO ELEVATE NATION'S SCIENTIFIC/CULTURAL LEVEL; SAID THIS "TASK OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE" AND UNLESS ACCOMPLISHED, GENERAL TASK FOR NEW PERIOD CANNOT BE FULFILLED. HUA URGED "ENTIRE COUNTRY SHOULD BE MADE A GREAT SCHOOL" (AP WSTAR, SUN; GLOBE--ALL 3/25).

NCNA REPORTED 3/25 THAT EVENING CLASSES FOR GOVT MINISTERS HAVE OPENED IN PEKING DEALING W/TECHNICAL/MANAGEMENT ASPECTS OF GEOLOGY/OIL PROSPECTING/DRILLING/ETC. PETRO MIN SUNG SAID CLASSES WERE FOLLOWING UP HUA'S DIRECTIVES TO NPC URGING PEOPLE BECOME COMPETENT IN POLITICS/ECONOMICS

(AFP, NYT 3/26).

ACCORDING NCUSCT, US TRADEMARKS NOW CAN BE REGISTERED IN PRC; CHINESE MADE DECISION BECAUSE PRC TRADEMARKS MAY BE REGISTERED IN US (JOC).

"NIPPON KOKAN" CHIEF KUSHIMURA, WHO RETURNED TO PEKING LAST WK, FOUND PRC PLANS ENLARGE CAPACITY OF EXISTING STEEL MILL IN PEKING TO MORE THAN DOUBLE STEEL OUTPUT IN NEXT 7 YRS; MILL WILL BE EQUIPPED W/COMPLETE ANTI-POLLUTION FACILITIES; PEKING EXPECTED SEEK NKK ASSISTANCE (UPI, JOC).

CHINESE WOMEN REPORTED WORKING ON LIVE/HI-TRANSMISSION LINES ON PAOKI-CHENGTU RR--PRC'S FIRST ELECTRIC LINE UNCLASSIFIED

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(GLOBE 3/25).

ACCORDING "DIE WELT," VICE PREMIER TENG TOLD VISITING FRG

POLITICIAN ZIMMERMANN THAT WHILE SOVIET EXPANSIONISM MAKES THIRD WORLD WAR "UNAVOIDABLE," IT CAN BE POSTPONED BY "INTENSIVE DEFENSE MEASURES" IN ASIA/WEUROPE/US. TENG ALSO QUOTED SAYING: PRC BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL TO CHECK SOVIET GOLBAL STRATEGY AT EVERY POINT WHERE MOSCOW IS ACTIVE, INCLU AFRICA; LIBYA LIKELY NEXT SOVIET GRAB; US PERFORMANCE "WEAK AND SOFT" IN CURRENT AFRICAN CONFLICT; PEKING WANTS SOVIET MOVE ITS TROOPS FROM MONGOLIA, REDUCE FORCES ON SINO-SOVIET BORDER TO 10 DIVISIONS. ZIMMERMANN REPORTEDLY AGREED W/TENG ON ALL POINTS, SAID FRG SHOWING GREATLY INCREASED INTEREST IN PRC (AP, SUN 3/25).

6. INDONESIA

SUKARNO REHAB CAMPAIGN BEING UNDERTAKEN BY GOI. PRES SUHARTO ANNOUNCES SUKARNO'S BODY WILL BE REBURIED IN MORE IMPORTANT LOCATION. SUKARNO'S FAMILY, HOWEVER, SAYS SUHARTO GLORIFYING SUKARNO ONLY TO PROP UP OWN SAGGING REGIME (CHI S-T).

7. PHILIPPINES

JUANITO PIRING, FORMER HOODLUM WHO SAID HE WANTED "MAKE UP FOR MY SINS," WAS NAILED TO CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY AT SAN FERNANDO FOR 12TH STRAIGHT YR. UPI (SAN FERNANDO, GLOBE 3/25) REPORTS 10,000 WATCHED AS MAN DRESSED IN COSTUME OF ROMAN CENTURION DROVE 3-IN NAILS, FLAT/RAZOR THIN AT ONE END, THRU HANDS OF 35-YR-OLD/MARIO BAGTAS, HIS 27-YR-0LD HEIR APPARENT. PIRING REMAINED ON CROSS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR JUST OVER 1 MIN BEFORE ASKING BE BROUGHT DOWN; BAGTAS, IN HIS 3RD YR OF RITUAL, WAS BROUGHT DOWN AFTER 2 MINS.

8. THAILAND

THAIS SOLD OVER 35,000 METRIC TONS MAIZE TO PHILS/HK/ SINGAPORE LAST WK, ACCORDING COMMERCE MIN'S DAILY TRADE NEWS (UNICOM NEWS BANGKOK, JOC).

9. INDOCHINA

USG OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING MYSTERIOUS ILLNESSES THAT HAVE DEVELOPED AMONG SOME VIET VETS WHICH MAY BE LINKED TO POWERFUL DEFOLIANT USED EXTENSIVELY DURING INDOCHINA WAR. SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY VA OFFICE IN CHICAGO INCL SKIN RASHES, NUMBNESS IN FINGERS/TOES, DIMINISHED SEX DRIVE, CASES OF CANCER/DEFORMED OFFSPRING. OFFICIALS SAID THEY BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF STRANGE SYMPTOMS AFTER READING ABOUT ILLNESSES SUFFERED BY VIETS EXPOSED TO "AGENT ORANGE"

DEFOLIANT (REUTER CHICAGO 3/24).

10. PACIFIC ISLANDS

CALIF-BASED WOMEN'S ORG PUSHING FOR FED LAW THAT WOULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL CASH PAYMENTS TO ANYONE WHO CONTRACTED CANCER/OTHER SERIOUS DISEASE AS RESULT PARTICIPATION IN ATOMIC BOMB TESTS/WOULD OFFER EVEN LARGER DEATH BENEFITS TO THEIR SURVIVORS. "ANOTHER MOTHER FOR PEACE" USING TACTICS IT DEVELOPED DURING VIET WAR TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS WHO TOOK PART IN ABOVE-GROUND TESTS IN PACIFIC/NEVADA BETWN '46-'63. IDENTICAL LEGISLATION TO WHAT THEY SEEK PASSED LAST SEPT TO INDEMNIFY RESIDENTS MARSHALL ISLS (CHI S-T'S HINES 3/21). UNCLASSIFIED

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11. GENERAL

VP MONDALE 3/26 POSTPONED HIS APR 6-16 VISIT TO 5 SEASIAN NATIONS IN ORDER PRESIDE OVER SENATE DEBATE ON 2ND PANAMA CANAL TREATY. STATEMENT ISSUED BY VP'S OFFICE SAID HE WILL VISIT NZ/AUSTRALIA/INDO/THAILAND/PHILS

SHORTLY AFTER 2ND TREATY VOTE. DEBATE SCHEDULED BEGIN 4/5 (UPI, WSTAR/GLOBE 3/26).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

LAT'S MCARTHUR (BANGKOK GLOBE 3/25) SAYS W DIPLOS THINK SRV PLANNING GUERRILLA WAR TO BRING DOWN GOVT CAMBODIA. SAYS GUERRILLAS WOULD BE ETHNIC CAMBODIANS--YOUNG CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED DURING BORDER WAR/OTHERS RECRUITED FROM CAMBODIAN POP OF MEKONG DELTA. SAYS DIPLOS ADMIT EVIDENCE IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL, BUT THINK IT PERSUASIVE BECAUSE POL POT REGIME MORE VULNERABLE THAN IT APPEARS/SRVNEEDS MORE LEVERAGE IN RELS W/CHINA WHOSE FOOD-STUFFS/PETROL IT NEEDS.

MCARTHUR CONTENDS HANOI LEADERSHIP REPORTED BELIEVE NOTHING SHORT OF POL POT'S REMOVAL WILL ALTER ANYTHING IN CAMBODIA, NOTING SRV NO LONGER SPEAKS OF CAMBODIAN LEADERS AS LEGITIMATE GOVT, REFERRING TO THEM AS "AUTHORITIES IN PHNOM PENH." SAYS VIET BORDER ARMY, WHICH IN JAN WAS UNDER ORDER INFLICT MANY CASUALTIES AS POSSIBLE ON CAMBODIAN UNITS, NOW EMPHASIZING TAKING OF PRISONERS.

RBT BARNETT, DIR WASHINGTON'S CENTER OF ASIA SOCIETY, UNCLASSIFIED

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REVIEWS SELIG HARRISON'S "THE WIDENING GULF: ASIAN NATIONALISM AND AMERICAN POLICY" (WP 3/26), WHICH HE SAYS INVITES READER TO ACCEPT HARRISON AS HISTORIAN/POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER/STRATEGIST.

BARNETT NOTES HARRISON IS FRANK TO SAY HE IS PROPOUNDING THESIS: US RELS W/ASIA-PACIFIC REGION HAVE BEEN FLAWED--EVEN POISONED--BY WASHINGTON'S FAILURE UNDERSTAND/ACCOMMODATE TO COMPELLING POWER OF NATIONALISM IN DIVERSE SOCIETIES OF ASIA. SAYS HE ARGUES THAT WASHINGTON'S COMMITMENT TO AUTOMATIC ANTI-COMMUNISM/PRESERVATION "WORLD ORDER" GAVE DECEPTIVELY COMFORTING STRUCTURES TO APPARENT BALANCES OF POWER, BUT ALIENATED ASIANS. GULF BETWN GOALS/RESULTS CAME ABOUT BECAUSE WASHINGTON WAS UNABLE RESPECT REAL COMPULSION IN ASIA'S NATIONALISMS/IDENTIFY W/THEIR LEGITIMATE SPOKESMEN.

BARNETT SAYS ARGUMENT HAS PERSUASIVENESS, EVEN THO HE FEELS GULF HAS BEEN NARROWING SINCE NIXON VISIT PEKING/END VN WAR. CALLS HARRISON'S VIGNETTES RECENT HISTORY "CONSTANTLY FASCINATING." SAYS HIS MOST IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT AS WRITER IS TO STEP ASIDE SO READER GIVEN

RARE/EXCITING EXPERIENCE OF LISTENING TO ASIANS CREDIBLY SPEAKING FOR THEMSELVES/ABOUT THEMSELVES AND US.

13. KOREA

ON REPORTS THAT KOREANS FUNNELED 400,000 DOLS TO DEMS IN '68, WP EDIT (3/26) BELIEVES THERE IS REASON QUESTION CIA REPORT WHICH ALLEGATION BASED ON. HOWEVER, SAYS, CONGRESS/MEDIA STILL MUST PROCEED CASE BY CASE--NOT ONLY FOR THEIR OWN SAKE, BUT TO PROTECT "IMPORTANT SECURITY RELATIONSHIP" BETWN US/SK.

NYT'S HALLORAN (3/26) STATES INFLUENCE-BUYING INVESTIGATION SEEMS BE "FADING INTO THE SUNSET," AND WILL PERHAPS UNCLASSIFIED

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"DIE OF LETHAGY, OLD AGE, OR EVEN NOT-SO-BENIGN NEGLECT."
FINDS NOTHING NEW IN RECENT COURT CASES/CONGRESSIONAL
HEARINGS INVOLVING FORMER REPS HANNA/PASSMAN, HANCHO
KIM. PREDICTS SCANDAL WILL BE MINOR ISSUE IN NEXT FALL'S
CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS, THO UNDOUBTEDLY SOME REPUBLICANS
WILL CAPITALIZE ON IT. NOTES STRAIN OF "AUTOMATICALLY"
LIVING UNDER "CLOUD OF SUSPICION" BY SIMPLY BECOMING
CONGRESSMAN HAS LED SOME--LIKE FRESHMEN REP ERTEL-BELIEVE THAT UNLESS HOUSE'S HONOR RESTORED, "RE-ELECTION
WILL NOT BE WORTH HAVING."

JACK ANDERSON (WP, NYDN) CITES "STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE"
THAT KOREAN CONNECTION MAY HAVE REACHED OTHER COUNTRIES,
INCL ARAB SHIEKDOMS/FORMER GREEK DICTATORSHIP. NOTES
TONGSUN PARK/FORMER REP HANNA TRAVELLED TOGETHER AROUND
MIDEAST/MEDITERRANEAN SEVERAL YRS AGO. SPECULATES TONGSUN PARK ALSO HAD HI-LEVEL CONNECTIONS IN NIXON WH.
WONDERS WHETHER TONGSUN PARK INFLUENCED HANNA INTO BACKING
GREEK DICTATORSHIP IN '71, TURNING HANNA'S SUPPORT AWAY
FROM GREEK EXILE LEADER DEMETRACOPOULOS.

SUN'S MARTIN (SEOUL) FINDS STRAINS IN US-SK RELS HAVE BEGUN DRIFT INTO ECON SECTOR AS WELL. SAYS INFLUENTIAL SKOREANS HAVE BEGUN HINTING THEY MIGHT DEVELOP MASSIVE SALES RESISTANCE TO US PRODUCTS. ALSO, JAPANESE WIRE REPORTS HAVE RECENTLY QUOTED ROKG SOURCE THAT PARK REGIME INTENDS LAUNCH VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE RELS W/USSR/OTHER COMMUNIST-BLOC COUNTRIES BY OFFERING THEM OPPORTUNITIES BID ON CONTRACTS FOR GOODS/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. FINDS SPECULATION IN SEOUL THAT US-SK DISPUTES OVER KOREAGATE MATTERS MAY THREATEN WESTINGHOUSE'S BILDOL NUKE PLANT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT--WHICH NEEDS CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.

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14. CHINA

REUTER (SINGAPORE) REPORTS CONSENSUS OF WESTERN OPINION AT JUST-ENDED OIL CONF THAT PRC WILL EXPORT ONLY ENOUGH OIL TO MEET ITS IMMEDIATE FON CURRENCY NEEDS. FEELING IS THAT PEKING'S PRIMARY CONCERN IS PUSHING AHEAD W/INTERNAL ECON EXPANSION, WHICH WILL USE UP MOST OF COUNTRY'S PROJECTED OIL PRODUCTION, LEAVING LITTLE FOR EXPORT. ACCORDING JAS AKINS, FORMER US AMB TO SAUDI ARABIA, TO THINK PRC CAN BE USED TO BREAK OPEC'S POWER "IS INCREDIBLY FOOLISH." US OIL CONSULTANT PAUL SPELZ SAID PRC ALREADY CAN PRODUCE MORE THAN 70 PCT OF EQUIPMENT IT NEEDS FOR PROSPECTING; ADDED THAT ESTIMATES OF 360 MIL DOLS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT SALES TO CHINA SINCE '72 WERE LOW BECAUSE MANY SALES NOT REPORTED (SUN 3/26).

ON 3/25 NYT OP-ED PAGE, SEN JACKSON (D-WASH) HOLDS THAT DESPITE ABSENCE FORMAL SINO-US TIES, PROGRAM OF CONSULTATION/COOPERATION W/PEKING ON ITS ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IS IN NATL INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

DC OFFICE OF SEN STONE (D-FLA) AND TALLAHASSEE INDUSTRY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE ROC HAS AGREED BUY MORE THAN MIL DOLS WORTH FLORIDA CITRUS PRODUCTS--FLA OJ CONCENTRATE/20,000 CARTONS ORANGES/5,000 CARTONS GRAPEFRUIT. STONE SAID THIS IS INITIAL PURCHASE, JUST "BEGINNING OF WHAT I HOPE WILL

BE A LONG AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE RELATIONSHIP"
BETWN STATE/ROC. SEN WAS TOLD ON HIS TAIWAN TRIP EARLY
THIS YR THAT TAIPEI WOULD REDUCE ITS IMPORT TARIFFS FROM
50-25 PCT FOR ORANGES/73-39 PCT FOR GRAPEFRUIT AND
LEMONS DURING CITRUS OFF-SEASON (JOC). VANCE

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